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REMINISCENCES.

Personal Recollections of a Trip to Texas in Pioneer Days, and Some Incidents in Cow Boy Life in the West.

(By L. N. Perkins.)

After I moved to town the first work I did was hauling in wood from the river bottom, about three miles distance. For this work Mr. Adams turned a team of horses over to my care that had not been worked or fed for a month or more and the last time they had been hitched up, he told me that they balked with an empty wagon going down hill and had to be taken out. I did not make any protest against being entrusted with such a team, but went to work, and had very little trouble with them. I was congratulated upon doing good work with them.

During the month of January and most of February the weather was ideal, with the exception of a Norther every two or three weeks, but they did not last long and were dry. The river opposite Ft. Worth, when in normal state, is about seventy-five yards in width, and is a clear, pretty stream of water which is easily forded.

Texas is the most freakish state in climate that I have ever seen. One night late in February I was up about midnight. The weather was clear and pretty but I noticed "it was lightening in the North." I thought nothing of it, as I had seen the same thing many times; so I went on to bed, only to be awakened about three o'clock in the morning by the worst storm I have ever heard. The rain was torrential, with the terrible wind and the lightning and thunder incessant, and continued until about 10 o'clock in the morning. During the storm no one could stir out. I could not even get to the stable to feed my horses, but by noon it was subsided and the pretty river I have just described was two miles wide and deep enough to carry a steam boat. It was estimated that half of the cattle in the county perished during that storm, besides a number of horses and hogs. The storm drove them into the river bottoms and the sudden overflow of water overtook them and they were drowned.

There were some men at work, camping in the bottom a short distance below town. When the storm awoke them they undertook to make their way out to the foot-hills, but soon encountered swimming water and as the timber was thick they climbed trees and remained in their place of refuge until their friends made a raft, paddled to them and brought them to terra firma. The river continued turbulent, and the enterprising people put a ferry boat in operation which was used for about three months until the river got normal again.

Prior to this time the winter had been very favorable for the stock men, and cattle were in fine condition, but the heavy rain bleached the grass, and stock of all kinds did badly, and then after the grass had started to grow there came another cold snap the 15th of March with sleet and snow which lasted about three days, and many cattle died from the exposure. But notwithstanding all these losses, when the season opened for the cattle work, there seemed to be no scarcity of cattle. They were everywhere, it did not matter in which direction you would start you would find plenty of them.

That spring was very backward. I was told it was a month late. Farmers there usually plant corn the last of February, but that year they did not plant much before April. There was not much work done on the range before the first of May, as the cattle had to have time to recuperate. As I expected to follow the trail some about the first of April, I bought a horse, saddle and bridle for \$35.00. The horse was a Mexican pony, raised in Old Mexico, and had been ridden from Mexico that spring and sold by a Mexican. He was gentle enough to ride when the bridle and saddle were on him, but could not be caught when in a small corral without throwing a rope on him. He knew no other language but Mexican, did not know how to eat anything but grass; had never known anything else, but I had about a month in which to train him before I was expecting to use him much, and as I could not throw a rope to catch him I had to learn him some American language and customs. I let him run into the corral where I kept my team of work horses and it was long before he learned to eat, and in two months time I had him so I could turn him on the range without hobbles, and go to him anywhere and put the bridle on, which shows that even a horse appreciates kindness.

After the season opened up I made several trips with the cow boys on the range gathering cattle, but was not kept regularly at the business, as some one had to care for the women and children. The senior member of the firm had a wife and three small children, and it usually fell to my lot to see after their welfare, which kept me away from the range much of the time, but if I had had my preference I would have been with the boys all the time. Some time in the month of June Mr. Adams wished me to make a trip to Fanning county, a distance of a hundred miles or more east of Fort Worth to attend to some business matters and bring some horses back that had been left there the fall before. He asked me to select some one to go with me and for us to take our rations and blankets and camp at nights. There was plenty of grass for our horses, was free for every one, and all we had to do when we stopped for noon or night was to hobble and turn out our horses, eat our lunch, spread our blankets and enjoy ourselves. I prevailed on my cousin to go with me, and as soon as we could get ready we started on the trip.

Trinity river has three principal branches which unite a short distance below Dallas, and is navigable to that point, hence the name, Trinity. The first day of our trip we crossed a good sized stream of water known as Denton creek and camped near the river, about twenty miles from our starting point. The weather was clear and pretty; had been no rain in sight for a week or more. The next morning we started early and when we had reached the river, to our great surprise, we found it out of its banks, with a head rise, as it is called. The river was a rough, ugly looking stream a hundred yards or more in width, so we decided to re-trace our steps and go to a ferry some miles below. But when he got back to Denton Creek we found it in the same condition, banks full and running over. So there we were between two streams of deep water. We did not know whether our horses could swim as they

had not been tested. We returned to the river and found a man living near the ford who kept a rickety looking little skiff, who set us over one at a time, our horses swimming by the side of it. We went on our way without further trouble, reaching our destination in Fanning county. We were detained about three days at that place during which time a disastrous cyclone passed through that section. It seemed to have originated some distance west of Fort Worth, but fortunately it did not hit us, nor any town of much size.

(Continued next week.)

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, J. F. Hardin, Plaintiff, vs. Union Trust Bank, a Foreign Corporation, incorporated under the laws of Tenn., Defendants.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the defendant on Feb. 26, 1921, by A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga county, N. C., which is returnable before A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, at his office in the town of Boone on the 7th day of April, 1921, said action being for the recovery of the sum of \$2,000, and interest on the same, which the plaintiff in this action claims and alleges, was obtained by false and fraudulent representations. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, as aforesaid, against the property of the said defendant on Feb. 26, 1921, which warrant is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, in the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons. Let the defendant further take notice that on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, a summons was issued for the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. and the Watauga county Bank, of Boone, N. C., a third party in said attachment requiring said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., through its cashier, A. Y. Howell, and the Watauga county Bank, by its cashier, G. P. Hagaman, to appear before the undersigned Clerk of the superior court of Watauga county in the town of Boone and answer on oath what amount said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and said Watauga County Bank owes said defendant, etc., said summons being returned being executed by the Sheriff of Watauga county 26th of Feb. '21, at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., when and where the defendant is required to appear, answer or demur to the complaint of the relief demanded will be granted. This February 26, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, C. S. C.
W. R. Lovill, Atty. for Pl'ff.

SALE OF PROPERTY FOR TOWN TAXES.

By virtue of a power vested in me as town tax collector of the town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, I will expose to public sale on Monday, March 7th, 1921, the following real estate and town lots, located in the town of Blowing Rock, N. C. Said sale is to satisfy the town of Blowing Rock for taxes due and payable May 1st, 1921. The cost of sale is added in each case.

Mrs. J. F. Anderson,	.88
Thomas Bryant	.70
I. H. Cox	83.72
Mrs. S. M. Clark	1.40
W. D. Clark	2.10
N. G. Corda	7.35
N. H. Edmisten (estate)	1.05
C. Emerson	1.05
Bettie Ford	.85
Mattie Gwyn	2.45
H. F. Kinsman	1.05
M. R. Keller	1.05
S. J. Montague	1.05
Mrs. N. H. Martin	1.75
D. P. McClure	1.75
Mrs. E. D. Mellon	1.04
Mrs. A. R. Peoples	.98
Mrs. M. H. Pinckney	7.35
Scott Perky	5.25
W. T. Palmer	5.95
W. J. Parsons	1.75
C. W. Simson	1.40
Mrs. L. M. Steel	3.15
M. W. Smith	1.75
E. A. Seaman	1.75
H. S. Smith	.70
Bettie Thompson	1.05
J. A. C. Wadsworth	1.40

This January the 10th, 1921.
JOHN GREEN,
Town Tax Collector.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, Henry J. Hardin, Plaintiff, vs. Union Trust Bank, a Foreign Corporation, incorporated under the laws of Tenn., defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the said defendant on Feb. 26, 1921, by A. W. Smith, Clerk for the Superior Court of Watauga county, N. C., which is returnable before A. W. Smith, clerk of the superior court at his office in the town of Boone on the 7th day of April, 1921, said action being for the recovery of the sum of \$1,000 and interest on the same which the plaintiff in this action claims and alleges was obtained by false and fraudulent representations. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said A. W. Smith, clerk of the superior court as aforesaid against the property of said defendant on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, which warrant is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, clerk of the superior court in the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons. Let the defendant further take notice that on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, a summons was issued for the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and the Watauga county Bank of Boone, N. C., a third party in said attachment requiring said Peoples Bank & Trust Co. by its cashier, A. Y. Howell, and the Watauga County Bank by G. P. Hagaman, its cashier, to appear before the undersigned clerk of the superior court of Watauga county in the town of Boone and answer on oath what amount said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and said Watauga County Bank owes said defendant, etc., said summons returned not executed by the sheriff of Watauga county Feb. 26, 1921, at 9:30 o'clock, Feb. 26, 1921, when and where the defendant is required to appear, answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted. This Feb. 26th, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, C. S. C.
W. R. Lovill, Atty. for Pl'ff.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, H. J. Hardin Pl'ff. vs. Union Trust Bank, a foreign corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tenn. defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 26th day of Feb., 1921 by A. W. Smith, clerk of the superior court for Watauga county, N. C., which is returnable before A. W. Smith, C. S. C., at his office in the town of Boone, on the 7th day of April '21, said action being for the recovery of the sum of \$2,000 and interest on the same, which the plaintiff in this action claims and alleges was obtained by false and fraudulent representations. The defendant will further take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., as aforesaid, against the property of the said defendant on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, which warrant is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., in the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons. Let the defendant further take notice that on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, a summons was issued for the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. and the Watauga Co. Bank, of Boone, N. C., a third party in said attachment requiring the said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., by its cashier, A. Y. Howell, and the Watauga County Bank by G. P. Hagaman, its cashier, to appear before the undersigned C. S. C. of Watauga county in the town of Boone and answer on oath what amount said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and said Watauga County Bank owes said defendant, etc., said summons being returned being executed by the Sheriff of Watauga county Feb. 26, 1920, at 9:30, a. m., when and where the defendant is required to appear, answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted. This Feb. 26, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, C. S. C.
W. R. Lovill, Atty. for Pl'ff.

Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, W. H. Hardin, Plaintiff, vs. Union Trust Bank, a foreign corporation, incorporated under the laws of Tenn. defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the said defendant on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, by A. W. Smith, C. S. C. for Watauga county, N. C., which is returnable before A. W. Smith, C. S. C., at his office in the town of Boone in the said Watauga county, on the 7th day of April, 1921, said action being for the recovery of \$1,000 and interest on the same, which the plaintiff in this action claims and alleges was obtained by false and fraudulent representations. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., as aforesaid, against the property of the said defendant on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, which warrant is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., in the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons. Let the defendant further take notice that on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, a summons was issued for the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., of Boone, a third party in said attachment requiring said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., by its cashier, A. Y. Howell, and the Watauga County Bank by G. P. Hagaman, its cashier, to appear before the undersigned C. S. C., of Watauga county, in the town of Boone and answer on oath what amount said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and said Watauga County Bank owes said defendant, etc., said summons being returned not executed by the Sheriff of Watauga county Feb. 26th, 1921, at 9:30 a. m., when and where the defendant is required to appear, answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted. This Feb. 26, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, C. S. C.
W. R. Lovill, Atty. for Pl'ff.

Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, R. C. Rivers Pl'ff. vs. Union Trust Bank, a foreign corporation, incorporated under the laws of Tenn., defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, by A. W. Smith, C. S. C. of Watauga county, N. C., which is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., at his office in the town of Boone on the 7th day of April, 1921, said action being for the recovery of the sum of \$500.00, and interest on the same, which the plaintiff in this action claims and alleges was obtained by false and fraudulent representations. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., as aforesaid, against the property of said defendant on the 26th day of Feb. '21 which warrant is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, C. S. C., at the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons. Let the defendant further take notice that on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, a summons was issued for the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and the Watauga County Bank of Boone, N. C., third parties in said attachment requiring the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., by its cashier, A. Y. Howell, and the Watauga County Bank by its cashier, to appear before the undersigned C. S. C. of Watauga county in the town of Boone, and answer on oath what amount said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and the Watauga County Bank owes said defendant, etc., said summons being returned not executed by the Sheriff of Watauga county on the 26th day of Feb., 1921, at 9:30, a. m., when and where the defendant is required to appear, answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This Feb. 26, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, C. S. C.
W. R. Lovill, Atty. for Pl'ff.

Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, W. L. Bryan, Plaintiff, vs. Union Trust Bank, a foreign corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the said defendant on the 24th day of Jan. 1921, by A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior court of Watauga county, N. C., which is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court at his office in the town of Boone in said Watauga county, on the 23rd day of March, '21, said action being for the recovery of the sum of \$1,000.00 and interest on the same, which the plaintiff in this action claims and alleges was obtained by false and fraudulent representations. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said A. W. Smith, Clerk of the Superior court as aforesaid against the property of the said defendant on the 24th day of January, 1921, which warrant is returnable before the said A. W. Smith, Clerk of the superior court at the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons. Let the defendant further take notice that on the 24th day of January, 1921, a summons was issued for the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., of Boone, a third party in said attachment requiring said Peoples Bank & Trust Co., by its cashier, A. Y. Howell, to appear before the undersigned clerk of the superior court of Watauga county in the town of Boone, and answer on oath what amount said Peoples Bank & Trust Co. owes said defendant, etc., said summons being returned by the Sheriff of Watauga county, January 24, 1921, at 6 o'clock, p. m., when and where the defendant is required to appear, answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This February 21, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, C. S. C.
W. R. Lovill, Atty. for Pl'ff.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Asheville.

United States of America vs. 278.77 acres of land in Watauga county, North Carolina, W. L. Alexander, et al. To the heirs at law of Ensor Green, deceased, unknown heirs at law of Mrs. Mary Baldwin, deceased, William Green, Lincolnton Simms, Walter Green, Joseph Green, or heirs at law; Joe Green and wife, Green, unknown heirs at law of Mrs. Mary Kenley, deceased; unknown heirs at law of Ensor Green, deceased; unknown heirs of Lot Green, deceased; Robt. Estes and wife, Fannie Estes; unknown heirs at law of Lot Estes, deceased; John Estes and wife, Estes, or their heirs at law; unknown heirs at law of Lot Estes, deceased; Virginia E. Malton and husband, R. W. Malton.

And all persons whomsoever owning or claiming to own any estate, interest of any kind or character whatsoever in and to the lands described in the petition in this proceeding. You are hereby notified that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina at Asheville, for the condemnation of certain real estate situate, lying and being in Blowing Rock township, Watauga county, N. C., on the Caldwell and Watauga county line, and known as the W. L. Alexander tract and covered by grants 11,236, 363, 15548, 106, 164, 369, 12265, 15593, 10154 and 3570, covering 278.77 acres. All of the said lands have been selected by the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the National Forest Reservation and are necessary for the carrying out an act of Congress of the United States approved March 1, 1911, being chapter 186, page 961, Vol. 36, Stat. at Large, as amended by the Act of August 10, 1912, 37, Stat. 209-300, chapter 284.

And the said non-resident defendants above named, and all other persons whomsoever owning or claiming to own any estate, interest of any kind or character in and to the premises described in the petition in said proceeding, named as defendants aforesaid, you will further take notice that they are required to appear in the said District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Asheville, on the 14th day of March, 1921, and answer or demur to the petition or complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This notice issued by order of Court, directing that publication be made once a week in The Watauga Democrat. This Jan. 8, 1921.

R. L. BLAYLOCK,
Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina.

Per J. J. JORDAN, Dept. Clerk

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. A. Yates, deceased late of the county of Watauga, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Vitas, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of Feb. 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

T. F. YATES, Administrator of J. A. Yates, deceased.